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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 15575

DELIVER TO NEA/ARN, DRAPER, AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, LE
SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. BEIRUT RATHER CONFUSED. 0700 ARABIC RADIO SAID LAST NIGHT WAS QUIET. 0730 FRENCH SAID LAST NIGHT WAS QUIETEST YET. 0900 ARABIC SAID IT WAS THE WORST IN 10 DAYS. I HEARD A LOT OF MORTAR ROUNDS AND SPORADIC AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. THIS MORNING COMING DOWN, HOWEVER, I DIDN'T SEE A SINGLE ARMED MAN IN AIN EL-RUMANNEH OR ASHRAFIYEH. MUSLIM LEFTIST HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM STREET BETWEEN ST. GEORGE AND THE EMBASSY AND SWEETNESS AND LIGHT SEEMS TO PREVAIL. THOSE RESIDING DOWNTOWN BEIRUT HEARD ONE OR TWO BIG EXPLOSIONS BUT LITTLE ELSE.

2. ZAHLE APPEARS TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET WITH COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING THERE AND APPARENTLY DOING A GOOD JOB. EVEN TRIPOLI HAD NO RPT NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS YESTERDAY, AND IT WOULD APPEAR THAT KARAME-ARAFAT GET TOGETHER PRODUCED RESULTS. YESTERDAY BEIRUT REPLETE WITH RUMORS FOSTERED BY RADIO MONACO AND BBC RE COMMUNIST ARRESTS AND EXECUTIONS IN SYRIA. RESPONSIBLE PERSONS WERE EVEN ALLEGING SYRIAN/ LEBANESE BORDER CLOSED-- SUBSEQUENTLY OFFICIALLY DENIED.
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